

## **INFORMATION PAPER**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ARMY PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 24071**

### **PROPOSED MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL WIDENING AND DEEPENING**

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**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The Calhoun County Navigation District's stated purpose is to improve the deep-draft transport of commerce on the Matagorda Ship Channel (MSC) by:

- a) reducing or eliminating light loading measures;
- b) allowing larger cargo vessels to begin calls;
- c). constructing a new turning basin; and
- d) potentially allowing for two-way traffic of smaller vessels during periods of increased transits.

**PROJECT NEED:** The Calhoun County Navigation District's need for the project is to eliminate operational constraints and to avoid delays, thereby reducing shipping costs and avoiding logistical problems.

**LOCATION:** The project extends approximately 27 miles from the Port of Port Lavaca – Point Comfort turning basin in Lavaca Bay (Channel Station 118+502) through the southwest section of Matagorda Bay and offshore into the Gulf of Mexico (Channel Station -23+000), in Matagorda and Calhoun Counties, Texas. The project can be located on the U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps entitled Point Comfort, Port Lavaca East, Keller Bay, Port O'Connor, and Decros Point, Tex. Approximate UTM Coordinates at the north end of the existing turning basin in NAD 27 (meters): Zone 14; Easting 739500; Northing 3170500.